[Mr. R. Dhanukoti Pillai.]

we owe a duty to the deceased member. During the short period that the present Council has been in existence, he afforded ample evidence of his undoubted intelligence, business capacity, enthusiasm and energy which have been of great help to the Council. There have been occasions when there were honest differences of opinion between himself and other members of the Council; but I felt all along that these differences were not necessarily differences arising from temperament, but from a difference in the standpoints from which he approached important questions that came up for consideration before the Council. I feel—and I have no doubt that several of my friends in this House do feel—that his death has left behind a void which would not be easily filled up. I feel we owe a melancholy duty to ourselves, and it is due to the deceased that the House should record its appreciation of the good work done by Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai as member of this Council and its sense of the loss at his premature death.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Sir, I beg to second the motion. This is the first time when death has snatched away one of our brother members of this Council. I do not think any words are necessary to give this House an idea of the splendid work done by Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai in our midst. I think Mr. Krishna Aiyangar is voicing the grief of the country and this Council at the loss which they have suffered on account of the death of Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai.

PRESIDENT: Gentlemen, I fully associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Deputy President and by Mr. Hoogewerf in regard to the very severe loss sustained by this Council by the unfortunate and untimely death of one of its most useful and talented members, *viz.*, Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai. It would, as remarked by the previous speakers, be very difficult to fill his place adequately. What is left to us mortals is to pray that his soul may rest in peace.

I will now call upon the members to pass a vote of condolence standing.

The motion was carried, all the members standing.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

DEMAND IV—FOREST.

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): Sir, I rise to move that a grant not exceeding Rs. 525 be sanctioned by transfer from Demand XX—P. W. D. to Demand IV—Forest. This transfer has been necessitated by the Forest Department undertaking the maintenance of the State boundaries from Kumili to Tevaram, for a distance of about 35 miles. Till last year, this portion of the boundary used to be maintained by the Public Works Department. But it was found that the amount was inadequate, that the labourers had to be recruited from British parts, and that the work was not properly done by the workmen. Our hillmen are practically having no work and they can with advantage

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be utilised for this work. Hence the demand for the transfer of the amount from the P. W. D. to the Forest budget.

PRESIDENT: May I take it that the House sanctions the supplementary demand?

The grant was made.

Demand IX—Administration of Justice.

Mr. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 72 under Demand IX—Administration of Justice. This has been necessitated by the appointment of an additional peon, as the Pleadership class has been separated from the B. L. and F. L. classes. The amount is proposed to be diverted from the head of contingencies allotted to the Law College, and therefore no separate provision by the Council is necessary. The proposal is to divert, from the sanctioned allotment under contingencies, Rs. 72 for the appointment of a peon for 8 months, *i. e.*, from the 1st Vrischikam, 1099, up to the end of the year.

PRESIDENT: I take it that the House sanctions the demand.

The grant was made.

Demand XII—Education.

Mr. L. C. HODGSON (*Director of Public Instruction*): I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 163 under Demand XII—Education, for the appointment of a clerk on Rs. 25 per mensem in the office of the Inspector of English Schools temporarily for six and a half months from the 15th Tulam, 1099. As I said before in this Council, the work of the Inspector of English Schools and of his office is very great indeed and has increased very largely in recent years, keeping pace with the very large demand for English education that we are all of us acquainted with now. In addition to the general increase of work in the office of the Inspector of English Schools, there is now a large volume of work newly thrown upon that office by the fee concessions that were granted to the depressed and the backward classes. There are now as many as 155 private schools which, according to the Government Order, have to be re-imbursed to a certain extent for the fees that may be lost owing to these concessions; and it is very necessary that the fee income of, and the grants to, these schools should be very carefully checked before the amount is actually paid to them. It will be necessary to maintain additional registers to check the returns received both monthly and quarterly from the schools and it is impossible to do that with the existing staff. I may be permitted to say that I myself asked for two clerks, one on account of the increase of work in the general staff and another for this special work. But the inexorable shears of the Finance Committee or the Government lopped off one of these and have reduced the other to the condition of a temporary clerk. So that, when I ask you now to sanction the appointment of one temporary clerk on Rs. 25 per mensem, for six and a half months, I am asking for something

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